

Washtenaw County Opioid Steering Committee
Wednesday, April 3, 2024
1:00PM-2:00PM
Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Andrew DeLeeuw, Nicole Adelman, Dr. Kimberly Jones, Molly Welch-Marahar, Dr. Allecia Wilson, Gina Dahlem, Dr. Juan Marquez, Jimena Loveluck, Matthew Hill, Prosecutor Eli Savit, Trish Cortes, Commissioner Katie Scott

Members Absent: Tina Gavalier

Others Present: Deanna Price, Amy Dolinky,

I. Call to Order: 1:03pm

II. Roll Call

III. Public Participation: None

IV. Review of March 21, 2024, Minutes

- a. Welch-Marahar motioned for approval, seconded by Adelman, none opposed, minutes approved as written.

V. Discussion Items

- Review of Workplan
 - o Due to low attendance at the 3/21 Steering Committee meeting the previous changes to the workplan were reviewed:
 - Updated to include Steering Committee members, organization and sectors included
 - Timeline for Phase 2 has been extended to include past conversations regarding focus groups and interviews
 - To extend through May
 - “Work Structure” section has been adjusted to remove timelines and focus on milestones
 - Included technical support services received from MAC
 - o Currently in Project Phase 2 which focuses on needs assessment and data collection.
- Review Updated Survey Results
 - o Additional 3 Steering Committee members completed the ‘Exhibit E Survey’ that was discussed at the previous meeting.
 - Purpose of the survey was to gather information quickly based on Steering Committee member expertise
 - Used as a tool to determine group alignment on priority areas
 - 10/13 members responded to the survey
 - o Compared previous survey results with updated results
 - No changes in the top group priority areas for Schedule A or Schedule B questions
 - Schedule A - Core Strategies - Priorities:
 - Expansion of warm hand-off programs and recovery services
 - Treatment for incarcerated population
 - Expanding syringe service programs

- Medication-assisted treatment (“MAT”) distribution and other opioid-related treatment
 - Schedule B - Approved Uses - Priorities:
 - Support people in treatment and recovery
 - Connect people who need help to the help they need (connections to care)
 - Treat opioid use disorder (OUD)
 - Prevent overdose deaths and other harms (harm reduction)
 - Schedule A - Core Strategies - What should not be prioritized:
 - All should be included in the conversation
- Determine Information Sources
 - o Started discussing the populations/groups/programs that should be included in data gathering steps:
 - Core Providers
 - Active drug users
 - Justice-involved people
 - Syringe service programs
 - Local recovery community organizations
 - Harm reduction programs
 - Washtenaw Intermediate School District
- Data Subcommittee Update
 - o Subcommittee members: Jimena Loveluck, Dr. Juan Marquez, Dr. Kimberly Jones, Matt Hill, Nicole Adelman, Molly Welch-Marahar, Gina Dahlem
 - o Subcommittee will share updates on their work with the larger group during monthly Steering Committee meetings
 - o Comprehensive review of Washtenaw County opioid data is needed
 - o Determine gaps in the current data and the populations or groups that need to be included in data collection.
 - o Consider mechanisms for data collection (interviews, focus groups, surveys, etc.)
 - o Data group will be meeting before the next larger group meeting in June and will discuss the work their doing around the needs assessment
- Letters to Municipalities
 - o Letters were sent to the other Washtenaw County municipalities that are receiving opioid funds
 - Letters were sent to the city or township chief elected official or top administrator inviting them to join in the county’s planning process
 - Letters were left open ended - welcome to join Steering Committee if interested
 - No substantial response - (1) township has responded
- Other:
 - o Future meeting topics to start thinking about:
 - The process by which we will distribute funding (RFPs, etc.)
 - On-going monitoring and sharing information beyond the initial year period
 - Committee members should start reviewing other settlement resources, examples, dashboards, public-facing information, etc.

VI. Adjourned 1:52 pm